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SCORE 112: FRIEND

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I'M DEEPLY SORRY, URO-SAMA
WE'VE SEARCHED FOR EVERY POSSIBLE ROUTE THEY MAY HAVE TAKEN AND CONSIDERED ALL THEIR POSSIBLE THOUGHTS, BUT WE'VE YET TO FIND ANY LEADS...
WE CANNOT ASK FOR COOPERATION FROM ANYONE BUT THOSE WHO ARE PART OF THE KAFKA INSTITUTION
HAVE YOU STILL NOT MANAGED TO SEIZE NISU ARUMERITA'S HOME?

IN SOME SLUMS THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY SKETCHY PEOPLE MIGRATING IN AND OUT TO MAKE AN ASSERTION
WE'RE STILL UNABLE TO GATHER ENOUGH EVIDENCE
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY FOR HIM TO EARN MONEY THAN BY SELLING HIS SKILLS... HAVE YOU THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED THE RATE OF MONEY FLOW AND SKILL TRADE IN THE AREA?
YES, WE'RE INVESTIGATING ALL THE SLUMS AND BACK ALLEYS, BUT...

ストーリー
ニシの森で、少し羽を休めることにした嘉禄（カロク）たちは、少しずつ生活を整えていった。そんなある日、嘉禄は傷ついた動物ニシに出会う。掌の手当てをしてあげた嘉禄に懐いた様子のニシは、傷が癒えた後も、度々嘉禄の元に遊びに来るようになった。自分に会いに来てくれていると知った嘉禄は、ふからそのことを喜び、ニシに无（ナイ）という名前を付けた。嘉禄によれば、无という言葉には、無限の可能性という意味が込められているという。そんな嘉禄の側で无は、温かな幸せを感じ始めていた――。
YOU HAVE ONE SHOT AT THIS...
DO NOT REPEAT YOUR FAILURES
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM IF KAROKU-SAMA IS THE ONLY ONE BROUGHT BACK ALIVE
THEY'RE PROBABLY EXHAUSTED FROM FLEEING BY NOW
YOU CAN CHASE THEM INTO A CORNER-

カツン
カツン
AND PUNISH THE TRAITORS
KAFKA'S STAFF IS SCARCE IN NUMBER
NOR CAN I ALLOW MYSELF TO LEAVE THE RESEARCH FACILITY FOR TOO LONG...
IT'S A MEASURE THAT CANNOT BE SPARED WHEN AVOIDING THE GOVERNMENT'S EYES

IF BY SOME CHANCE
KAROKU-SAMA COULD ADVANCE TO THE NEXT STAGE OF RESEARCH...
THE SEARCH TO COMPLETE HIS ABILITIES WOULD NEARLY BE FINISHED, WOULDN'T IT?
THE LEVEL OF THE VARUGA'S INTELLIGENCE WOULD BE ABLE TO RISE AS WELL
THEIR PHYSICAL POWERS WOULD SURPASS THAT OF ANY HUMAN
AND THE HIGH RANKING PERSON WHO UNDERSTOOD ALL OF THAT WAS... NISU
THAT MAN...

RAN AWAY AT A TIME LIKE THAT
BEING RESCUED FROM THE GOVERNMENT BY KESHIKI-SAMA...
AND FAILING TO EVEN REPAY THAT DEBT TO HIM...
WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN
WHERE ARE YOU...

NISU...! KAROKU-SAMA!
KUUU
AHAHA! YOU'RE AMAZING, NAI!
KAROKU?
AH!
MOM
YOU CAN'T JUMP VERY HIGH THOUGH
NAI'S FLYING JUMP IS SUPER FAST, HUH
HAA

YOU'VE BEEN COMING BACK LATER THAN USUAL LATELY DON'T STRAY TOO FAR, OKAY?
IT'LL BE TROUBLE-SOME IF YOU GET LOST . .
IT'S FINE
EVEN THEN, NAI WOULD SHOW ME THE WAY HOME
AH!
NAI! DO YOU REMEMBER?
MY MOM?
IT'S LOOKING VERY LIVELY NOW!
AHHH!
THIS LITTLE ONE IS THE NIJI YOU NURSED BACK TO HEALTH, RIGHT?
KYU . . .

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スゥ
……
HOW CRUEL
HE SAYS HE DOESN'T REMEMBER!
BUT IT'S ALL THE SAME! THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT HE'S FEELING BETTER!
EH
MOM...?
BRING THAT LITTLE ONE BACK HOME WITH YOU

TREMBLE
WAIT, MOM!
HEY!
YOU'RE SCARING NAI!
IT'S JUST A LITTLE BLOOD SAMPLE! DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE NIJI'S BIOLOGICAL COMPOSITION?
I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT SORT OF CELLS ARE RESPONSIBLE THE CAMOUFLAGE TRANSFORMATIONS OF A CREATURE ONLY SPOKEN OF IN FOLKLORE
AND WHAT'S MORE
!
FOR THE SAKE OF SAVING HIM, OKAY?
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE HIS LIFE IF YOU UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURE AND COMPONENTS OF HIS BODY
IF BY SOME CHANCE HE'S ATTACKED BY ANOTHER ANIMAL AGAIN AND ENDS UP WITH FATAL INJURIES

SIGH...
OKAY, I GET IT
YAY!
KYU...
I'M SO SORRY, NAI
KYUU...
GOOD MORNING, MOM
GOOD MORNING, KAROKU
YOU HAVE TO TAKE YOUR STABILISING MEDICATION TODAY, YOU KNOW
YEAH
WHERE'S DAD?

チチ
チチチ…
HE'S ALREADY LEFT FOR THE FIELDS
KYU?
OH...?

チョイ
チョイ
KYU
HM?
CHIRP
YOU'RE KAROKU'S FRIEND, NAI-KUN, AREN'T YOU?
AHH
THIS LITTLE ONE, HUH?
HE MUST'VE SHOWN UP WHEN I WAS PULLING VEGETABLES FROM THE GROUND
SINCE BUGS WERE CRAWLING OUT FROM THE SOIL
HOW DO I PUT IT...

I'M GLAD
MOMENTS LIKE THESE WARM MY HEART
COULD YOU
PLEASE STAY WITH KAROKU FOREVER?
KYU
IF YOU DO, I'M SURE THAT CHILD WILL BE VERY HAPPY, DON'T YOU THINK SO?

PLEASE DON'T RUN YOUR MOUTH AND MAKE FALSE CHARGES!
WE MAY BE CHEAP BUT EVEN OUR PLACE DOESN'T HIRE ANYONE LIKE THAT
HAH?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT AN UNLICENSED DOCTOR!
NO, YOU SEE...
IF WE DON'T FIND A LEAD THEN WE WILL INSTEAD FIND OURSELVES IN SOME VERY UNPLEASANT CIRCUMSTANCES
IF THE CORRECT REQUIREMENTS ARE MET
WE WILL RETURN ANY HELPFUL INFORMATION WITH A REWARD
HEH... A REWARD...?
HM
AH.....

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, BUT
THE PEOPLE YOU SPEAK OF, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO SEARCH FOR THEM IN THAT TOWN?
THERE'S A TOWN ABOUT 3 DAYS AWAY FROM HERE BY TRAIN, "KARASUNA"
ISN'T THAT MORE THAN ENOUGH INFO?
SO, THEN
HOW MUCH WILL YOU BE OFFERING?
THERE'S A TON OF PEOPLE LIKE THAT GATHERED IN THAT TOWN'S UNDER-GROUND
SO IT'D PROBABLY BE EASY TO FIND THAT KIND OF GUY THERE
DEPENDING ON THE SUM OF MONEY, I'M WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH YOU AGAIN
WELL THEN... WE'LL SHOW YOU THE MONEY AND CONDUCT THE EXCHANGE IN THE ALLEY OVER HERE

HOW DOES THIS LOOK?
LET'S SEE...
TRASH LIKE THAT WILL SOONER OR LATER GET IN KAFKA'S WAY
LET'S GO
THE NAME OF THE TOWN IS KARASUNA
...EH?

IT LOOKS LIKE THE WEATHER WILL BE ALRIGHT FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS, SO IT SHOULD BE EASY TO GET THERE
I HAVEN'T BEEN GOING FOR A WHILE NOW, AND WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF LAMP OIL AND VARIOUS OTHER THINGS
AHH
YOU'RE GOING TO KARASUNA?
IN THAT CASE
I'LL GO!
WE'RE ALWAYS DEPENDENT ON YOU, NISU!
MOM...
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明かされる天と嘉緑の出会い。

カーニヴァル

御巫桃也

君と出会い、世界は華やぐ。

●好評連載

「魔界王子 devils and realist」
雪広うたこ 原作：高殿円

新連載 センターカラー

僕を迎えに来たのは…ヤバすぎるオネエ!?

ZIRMELI

僕ノお姉エ=ディア+任侠ヤクザ!

カーニヴァル 19

御巫桃也

失っていた自身を取り戻し、再会した妹・ニュウマリイと共に輪の遍に戻ってきた無銘だが、再会を喜んだのも束の間、別れのときはすぐにやってきて…。これから先、異なる道を歩んでいく彼らが選んだそれぞれの選択とは――!?さらに新章女人で物語は嘉祥と玄の出会いに遡る。徐々に明かされていく真実から目が離せない第19巻!

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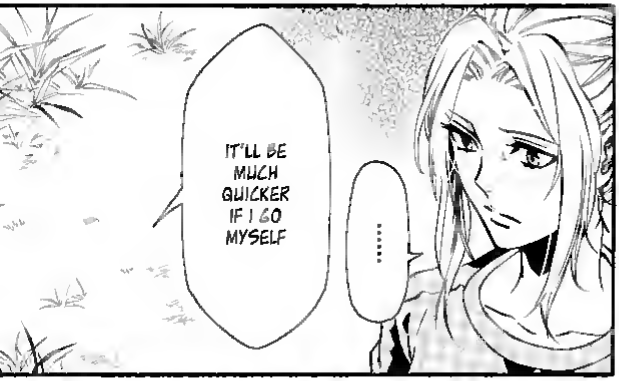
SCORE 113: THE BROKEN COG

TO KARASUNA...
I'LL GO
COULD I GO IN MOTHER'S PLACE?


IT'LL BE MUCH QUICKER IF I GO MYSELF
.....

BENNY, YOU CAN'T GO EITHER! A YOUNG WOMAN UNFAMILIAR WITH THE AREA AND WALKING AROUND ALONE WILL STAND OUT!
OF COURSE YOU CAN'T GO IN HER PLACE!

I...
I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU WANT TO HELP, I REALLY AM
THIS...

THIS PEACEFUL TIME WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SPEND TOGETHER ALWAYS SEEMED UNATTAINABLE
THAT'S WHY, BENNY, KAROKU
PLEASE LET ME PROTECT THE TWO OF YOU
BUT I...
I COULD NEVER GO ON IF EVER YOU WEREN'T HERE...
I'VE ALWAYS FELT THAT WAY!
THANK YOU
I LOVE YOU
FATHER

BE CAREFUL
I WILL, KAROKU

I WONDER IF FATHER REACHED KARASUNA ALRIGHT ..?
YEAH
HE SHOULD ARRIVE THERE SOON
HE'LL REST SOMEWHERE TONIGHT, AND TOMORROW HE SHOULD ARRIVE
THEN HE'LL BE COMING BACK THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, RIGHT?
—RIGHT, MOTHER?

YOU WERE HOLED UP IN THE WORKSHOP FOR A LONG TIME TODAY...
YOU WERE RESEARCHING THE BLOOD SAMPLE YOU COLLECTED FROM NAI, RIGHT?
WAS THERE ANYTHING DIFFERENT TODAY?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT
I TOOK A LOOK AT THE CELLS IN THE AREA BEHIND HIS EAR THAT WAS CUT
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME CELLS WERE SLIGHTLY CHANGED
HIS REGENERATIVE ABILITIES ARE STRONG
WHEN THOSE CELLS WERE SEPARATED FROM THE BODY, THEY TRANSFORMED
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME PECULIAR CELLS HAVE FORMED THERE

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT NIJI CARRY SOME SORT OF REGENERATING MECHANISM IN THEIR BODIES
KAROKU
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AS WELL?
IF YOU'RE THE ONE RESEARCHING, I'M SURE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND A LOT MORE!
ALRIGHT, I'LL COME ALONG
THANK YOU!
MY MOTHER IMMERSING HERSELF IN RESEARCH DURING MY FATHER'S ABSENCE WAS A WAY FOR HER TO DISTRACT HERSELF FROM HER UNEASE
FATHER KNOWS THIS, SO...

OH, HELLO, SIR! LONG TIME NO SEE!
THANK YOU FOR COMING IN, AS ALWAYS! THIS HERE, SEE
AH, RIGHT RIGHT
LAST TIME YOU CAME IT WAS OUT OF STOCK, IT'LL FIT SERUSOTA PARTS
I'LL TAKE THAT AS WELL
OF COURSE

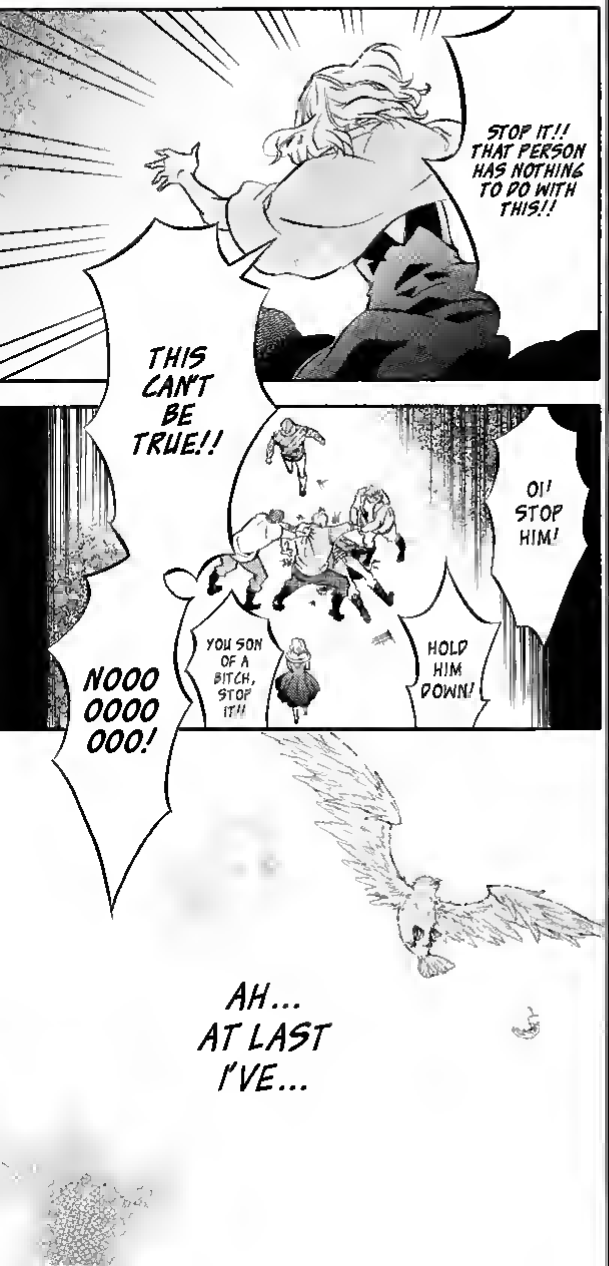
SURELY HE'LL COME BACK TO US IN 3 DAYS TIME

SHUT UP, BITCH!!
I TOLD YOU I'M NOT FOOLING AROUND WITH ANYONE!!
T/N: A LOT OF SUBBERS/TRANSLATORS ARE NEEDLESSLY MISOGYNISTIC BUT THIS LITERALLY TRANSLATES TO BITCH
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
HEY! QUIT IT ALREADY!
SHOPKEEPER, PLEASE HURRY WITH MY ITEMS
OH, YOU'RE WORKED UP, HUH
CUT IT OUT, ALREADY!!
I WON'T KNOW IF ANY OF THEM BELONG TO KAFKA
PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO STARE
AH, SURE, GIVE ME ONE SEC

THIS... BITCH OF A WOMAN ...!!
A MEAT-HEAD LIKE YOU WITH NO MONEY WHO THINKS WITH HIS DICK!!
WHO WOULD WANT TO BE WITH SOMEONE LIKE YOU ANY-WAY!! DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF!!
YOUR ITEMS
HERE YOU GO, SIR
FOOLING AROUND?! I'M NOT-
HA
!
!?
I REALLY AM IN LOVE THOUGH!!
WITH THIS MAN!!

LET GO...
HEY...?!
YOU AND I ARE COMPLETE OPPOSITES!!
I MUCH PREFER HIM TO YOU!!
YOU'RE JUST A LOWLY...

STOP IT!!!
NO
KYAAAAAAAAA
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...
NOT LIKE THIS...
ARE YOU TWO...
KAFKA...
THEN...?


STOP IT!! THAT PERSON HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!!
THIS CAN'T BE TRUE!!
OI! STOP HIM!
HOLD HIM DOWN!
YOU SON OF A BITCH, STOP IT!!
NOOO OOOO OOO!
AH... AT LAST I'VE...

MOTHER...
NISU... HASN'T COME BACK

LET'S TRY WAITING... A LITTLE LONGER
IT'S OKAY, MOTHER...
HE MIGHT BE TAKING LONGER SINCE HE'S CARRYING MORE THINGS BACK WITH HIM...
THE SUN'S ALREADY SETTING...
DISTRACT HER...
SO, YOU KNOW
I MADE A DISCOVERY TODAY
OH, THAT'S RIGHT
...ALREADY?
AS EXPECTED OF YOU
YOU REALLY ARE...
REGARDING NAI'S CELLS...
IF I CAN JUST...

MOTHER
THERE'S A GENE IN NIJI THAT CONTINUES TO DISPLAY ACTIVITY EVEN AFTER DEATH
SPECIAL, HUH
IN LIFE, IT'S INACTIVE
IT BEGINS TO MOVE AFTER DEATH, I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT KIND OF PHENOMENON THIS PRESENTS IN THE BODY, THOUGH
IT'S ALMOST LIKE...
IT'S AMAZING, ISN'T IT
IT PROBABLY WORKS TO CREATE SOME SORT OF FORM THAT CAN CARRY ON LIVING WITH WHAT THE GENE LEAVES BEHIND, I THINK

IT REVIVES ITSELF
TO TRANSFORM ITS BODY'S FRAME, AND TO CAMOUFLAGE ITSELF, THE INCUNA CELLS ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE
THE ACTION OF BREEDING IS STILL A MYSTERY BUT IT MIGHT BE A SYSTEM THAT EXISTS FOR THE SAKE OF PRESERVATION
THOUGH I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY OTHER NIJI WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NAI
HEY...
I'M SURE FATHER WILL BE INTERESTED IN THIS AS WELL, YEAH?

MOTHER
YOU'RE RIGHT, KAROKU
IT SEEMS THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF SECRETS ABOUT THE LIVES OF NIJI, AND THIS FOREST
THIS TIME, LET'S ALL THREE OF US RESEARCH IT
HOWEVER, FATHER
DIDN'T RETURN
MOTHER ...

LEFT FOR KARASUNA
WELCOME
I REMEMBER HIM COMING IN FROM TIME TO TIME
MY HUSBAND HAPPENED TO WITNESS THE SCENE— ARE YOU HIS FAMILY?
BUT, A WHILE AGO, AFTER LEAVING OUR SHOP, HE WAS KILLED OUTSIDE ANOTHER SHOP
AHH...
THIS MAN CAME HERE...
NISU...
HE DIDN'T HAVE AN ID ON HIM SO, HIS CORPSE WAS TOSSED IN THE DUMPING GROUND, I BELIEVE

KAFKA...
HE WAS KILLED
FOUND HIM
RATTLE
THIS... CAN'T... BE TRUE
HOW DID YOU DIE?
WHY, NISU...

...
.....
HOW DOES IT LOOK?
IS IT NISU ARUMERITA
I SHALL COMPARE THE DENTAL MOLD
!!
KAFKA
WHY... WOULD KAFKA CONFIRM HIS IDENTITY NOW AFTER THEY'VE ALREADY KILLED HIM...
AHH, IT'S A MATCH
HA...
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT HE'D BE KILLED IN A LOVER'S QUARREL BEFORE WE COULD GET TO HIM
THIS IS WITHOUT A DOUBT, NISU

EH?
WE HAVE A LITTLE LESS WORK TO DO. HUH
BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T CAUGHT WIND OF BENNY OR KAROKU-SAMA'S WHEREABOUTS
WITNESSES AT THE SCENE SAID NISU WAS CAUGHT IN A PASSIONATE LOVER'S QUARREL AND WAS STABBED BY HIS PARTNER'S OTHER MAN BUT...
BUT THE WOMAN WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY HIS PARTNER SAID HERSELF THAT SHE ONLY DID THAT TO SPITE HER MAN
WHETHER IT WAS A LIE OR IT WAS TRUE
.....
WHAT ARE THE CHANCES IT WAS TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN AND HE SEPARATED FROM BENNY AND KAROKU TO RUN AWAY WITH THAT WOMAN?
HMM... WELL, IN ANY CASE, FINDING BENNY AND KAROKU-SAMA COMES FIRST
...WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE CORPSE?

COLLECTING THE DATA IS ENOUGH
WE DON'T NEED A DEAD BODY
LET'S GO!
NISU... WASN'T KILLED BY KAFKA...
HE WAS DRAGGED INTO SOME STUPID QUARREL THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM?
THA...
THERE'S NO WAY HE EXPECTED THAT TO HAPPEN...
WE WERE ALWAYS RUNNING FROM KAFKA...
WE WERE ALWAYS FRANTICALLY HIDING... TO AVOID BEING KILLED...
AND YET

THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF LIFE HE LIVED FOR
I CAN'T FORGIVE THIS....
IT WASN'T EVEN KAFKA...
HE WAS KILLED BY SOMETHING STUPID AND POINTLESS THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM...?!
THIS WORLD IS WRONG!!!

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MOTHER?
WHERE'S FATHER?
MOTHER RETURNED
WE FOUND OUT ABOUT FATHER'S DEATH
FROM THEN ON, THE TEMPERATURE SEEMED TO CHANGE
MOTHER
I'VE BROUGHT YOUR MEAL, BUT BRINGING IT INTO THE WORKSHOP IS TOO DIFFICULT
MOTHER?

I KNOW THAT MOTHER IS SUFFERING IMMENSELY RIGHT NOW
KAROKU
DON'T GET IN MY WAY
I'M DOING A SMALL OPERATION
I DON'T KNOW WHERE I SHOULD TREAD EITHER
I, TOO... AS IF THE WORLD HAS TURNED TO LIQUID
OR... FOR THE SAKE OF WHAT?
BUT... I HAVE TO HEAD SOMEWHERE..
FOR THE SAKE OF LIVING ON...
BUT

WHERE?
MUNCH
KYUU
NAI...
KYU
KYUU
もぐ。もぐ。

NAI...
KYUUU
NAI HAS ALWAYS, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
BEEN QUICK TO RUN INTO MY ARMS
WRIGGLE
SORRY, NAI
I'D LIKE TO PLAY WITH YOU, BUT RIGHT NOW...

I JUST DON'T THINK I'M IN HIGH ENOUGH SPIRITS TO PLAY RIGHT NOW
BUT TOMORROW
I'LL COME HERE AGAIN, SO

PLEASE WAIT FOR ME, OKAY?
KYUU!
TOMORROW
LET'S GO ON A SEARCH FOR YOUR FAVOURITE BUG
KYUU!
NA!

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SCORE 114: THE SHAPE OF A WISH

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WELCOME HOME, KAROKU
I'VE PREPARED DINNER ALREADY
THA THANK YOU
MOTHER!
THANK GOOD-NESS
MOTHER WAS

YOU HADN'T COME OUT OF THE WORK-SHOP .
AND YOU WEREN'T EATING PROPERLY SO I WAS WORRIED
AND SOME-HOW... INSIDE THE WORK-SHOP
THERE WAS KIND OF A WEIRD SMELL..
I WAS MIXING MEDICINES
IT WAS NOTHING DANGER-OUS
BUT IT'S A DELICATE WORKSHOP
SO FOR THE TIME BEING, DON'T COME IN
YEAH...
NOW THEN
KAROKU

DRINK YOUR SOUP WHILE IT'S HOT
THANK YOU
THANK GOODNESS...
THANK GOODNESS— MOTHER'S KIND SMILE IS STILL THE SAME AS IT WAS BEFORE

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チチ
NN...
NNN...
MORNING ?
WHAT TIME IS IT...
UN...

MAYBE BECAUSE I WAS FINALLY AT EASE ABOUT MOTHER, I WAS TIRED AND ENDED UP SLEEPING TOO MUCH YESTERDAY...
I
OH NO! MY PROMISE TO NAI!
THREE O'CLOCK?!
IT'S ALREADY
AH...
WHA...
HE'S ALREADY WAITING FOR ME I HAVE TO HURRY-

UWA...
MY BODY... FEELS SO HEAVY...
I FEEL A BIT SICK...
MAYBE I WAS REALLY TIRED AFTER ALL...
I FEEL SO STICKY...
MAYBE I WAS SWEATING...
I NEED A CHANGE OF CLOTHES...
...NO
I HAVE TO HURRY TO NAI-!
HE'S DEFINITELY WAITING!

NAI!
HE'S NOT HERE...?
HAH...

MAYBE HE WENT OFF SOMEWHERE BECAUSE I HADN'T COME...?
...THIS YESTERDAY
NAI WAS EATING THIS GRASS?
IN JUST ONE DAY...

IT GREW THIS MUCH?
MY NAILS...
ARE REALLY LONG...

EH?
YESTERDAY
I WAS HERE... JUST-

...YESTERDAY?

NEEDLE MARKS...
OW...
WHERE'S MOTHER...?
IT'S AS IF I'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR A REALLY LONG TIME...
MY BODY FEELS HEAVY
I'M GOING BACK...

MOTHER, ARE YOU THERE?!
I CAN'T OPEN IT IS THE LOCK FASTENED?!
MOTHER!!
YOU'RE IN THERE, AREN'T YOU?!
OPEN THE DOOR!!
UU
AA
AH
MOTHER...

uuuuu

ARE YOU THERE?
...MOTHER?
MO...
UUWAA AAAA!! FATHER!!

WHY IS FATHER'S HEAD...
WHERE'S MOTHER...?
THIS THIS IS...
AH...
THAT DAY...
THE SACK MOTHER WAS CARRYING ...

NAI...
NO...
NAI
NAI
AH
AH
UU

!?
WHERE IS IT COMING FROM...
NO, I DEFINITELY HEARD A VOICE...
AH...
AH-

MOTHER?
AH
AH
NO...
WHO?
WHO'S THERE?

AH-

KYUU
.....
...
...NAI?
NO WAY...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPP-ENING...
!
MOTHER'S RESEARCH NOTES ..
AH-
AH-!

NAI'S SPECIAL CELLS UTILISE INCUNA
SHE CREATED AN EXTENSION OF FATHER?
IN THE SAME WAY VARUGA ARE MADE, IT SEEMS
THE CELLS OF MY DECEASED FATHER-
WERE BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE
THAT'S RIGHT
IT WAS UNBELIEVABLY DIFFICULT, YOU KNOW
...

MOTHER...!
I BROUGHT INTO A EXISTENCE A NEW CREATURE
IT TOOK QUITE A WHILE BEFORE I COULD GIVE IT SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SHAPE, THOUGH
I WAS ABLE TO CONNECT THEM QUITE WELL
AND THE CELLS THAT CONTROL THE ACTIVITY OF LIFE AFTER ITS DEATH
THE INCUNA'S ABILITY TO REVIVE ITSELF AND NAI'S ABILITY TO CAMOUFLAGE
YOU WERE JUST AS UPSET WHEN FATHER DIED, WEREN'T YOU?
KAROKU, TOO

BUT!!
NAI WAS...
BUT
YEAH, I WAS SAD...
WHY?!!
THIS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH NAI!!

NAI TRUSTED ME
AND LET ME BE HIS FRIEND... AND YET...!
UU
AH
"WHY"?
THAT'S OBVIOUS ISN'T IT?

BECAUSE YOUR FATHER IS MORE IMPORTANT!!
N...
NO...
IT'S HOPELESS
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE MIGHT DO AFTER
IF I FIGHT WITH MOTHER HERE AND NOW...
THIS CHILD ....
NA!?
FATHER?

IN ANY CASE...

I JUST HAVE TO GET HIM FAR AWAY FROM MOTHER

AND CREATED A PERSON ALL ON HER OWN
MOTHER WENT TO SUCH GREAT LENGTHS
ARE STILL SCARRED BY NEEDLE PRICKS
AND USED ITS POWER
SHE TOOK THE INCUNA IN HER OWN BODY
MOTHER
I'M GOING TO GO FIND INGREDIENTS FOR DINNER
.....

I'M OFF
OH?
ALRIGHT, THANK YOU~
SOME-WHERE
I NEED TO FIND SOME-WHERE TO HIDE THAT CHILD
I'LL FIND A PLACE
QUICKLY-

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SCORE 15: FAREWELL

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FOR NAI'S SAKE, KAROKU...

IF IT'S IN THIS CAVE...
I'LL MAKE HIM A HOME HERE RIGHT AWAY!
THERE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH SPACE TO HIDE THAT CHILD

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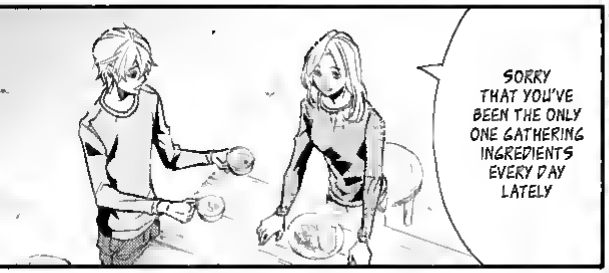
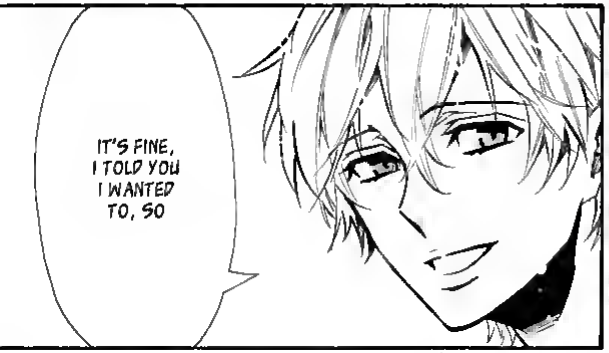
錬ベニエの書置通りの物を手に入れ、寝心地の良い寝床についた烏禄（カロク）。目覚めた彼は、普段よりも長く眠っていたことに驚き、慌てて无（ナイ）の元へと向かう。しかし、无の姿は見当たらない。伸びた爪、長い間眠っていたかのように重い体に違和感を抱く烏禄。慌てて作業場へと行き烏禄が見つけたのは、仁水（ニス）の首と人間の姿に変えられた无だった…。ベニエの研究ノートを見た烏禄は、ベニエが仁水の分身を作ろうとしていることを知る。なんとかして、无を安全なところへ隠さなければと決意する烏禄は――？


SORRY THAT YOU'VE BEEN THE ONLY ONE GATHERING INGREDIENTS EVERY DAY LATELY


IT'S FINE, I TOLD YOU I WANTED TO, SO

OKAY
THE SOUP'S READY, MOTHER
DRINK IT WHILE IT'S HOT
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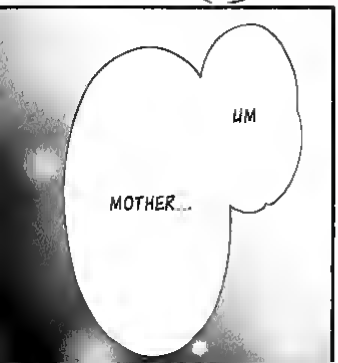
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MOTHER...

THANK YOU
フク…

THIS TIME YOU'LL BE THE ONE WHO FALLS ASLEEP...
YOU'LL BE LIVING HERE
ALRIGHT

FROM TODAY ONWARDS, THIS WILL BE YOUR HOME
NO...
"NAI"?
UM
FATHER?
?

AH-!
YOU'RE "NAI" THEN
I SEE...
NAI

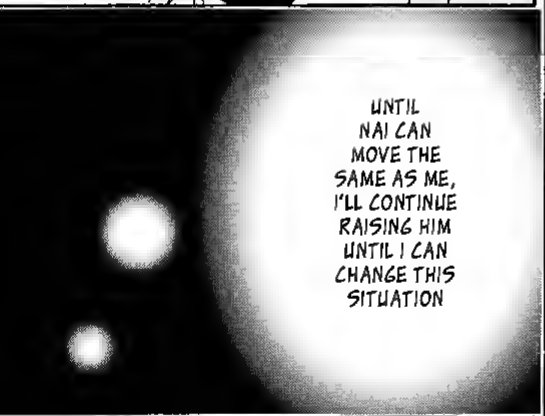
PLEASE, TRUST ME ONE MORE TIME
AH!
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU CAN LIVE SAFELY
FIRST, I GUESS
I SHOULD TEACH YOU SOME WORDS

THE ICUNA INSIDE HER RAPIDLY DETERIORATING BODY...
CAN SHE STAY HUMAN?
FROM NOW ON...
I'M GOING TO RUN OUT OF TIME TO GATHER MEDICINES AND COME BACK FROM KARASUNA...
I'VE INJECTED THE MEDICINE, BUT...
MY WORRY IS MOTHER...

BACK WHEN THE VALUES IN HER BLOOD TESTS WERE STILL NORMAL AND HUMAN
WHATEVER MEMORIES I HAVE OF MOTHER THAT I CAN USE TO TREAT HER
I, WHO WAS CREATED BY INCUNA INSIDE HER OVUM, AM DIFFERENT FROM HER
KARUI!
KAROKU!
EVEN SO, I WILL SAVE HER!

I PICKED MUSHROOMS! E EGGS, TOO!
THAT'S AMAZING, NAI!
THANK YOU
YOU CAN TALK PLENTY
AND YOUR BODY SEEMS TO MOVE JUST FINE
I CAN RUN, YOU KNOW!
THAT'S GREAT
BUT
WHEN I'M NOT HERE, DON'T STRAY FAR FROM THIS PLACE
ESPECIALLY

UN!
OKAY!
NEVER!


UNTIL NAI CAN MOVE THE SAME AS ME, I'LL CONTINUE RAISING HIM UNTIL I CAN CHANGE THIS SITUATION

IT'LL BE OKAY...
WE ONLY NEED A LITTLE LONGER

DON'T EVER, EVER GO INTO THE HOUSE NEARBY
OKAY?

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KAROKU

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KAROKU
GOOD NIGHT!
'NIGHT, NAI
SEE YOU TOMORROW
BUT FOR NOW...
MOTHER-

SORRY
I'M A LITTLE LATE
I'LL CHANGE YOUR IV DRIP NOW
MOTHER...

MOTHER?!
SHE'S NOT HERE!!
NO... IT CAN'T BE...
THE BED IS COLD
TODAY... HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN GONE?!
MOTHER!!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
BLOOD STAINS...?

OR... COULD IT BE THAT HER BODY TRANSFORMED?
IF SHE TURNED INTO SOMETHING LIKE A VIAGRA..

"WHAT SHOULD I DO"...?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
LOSING YOUR FAMILY
IT'S PAINFUL
IT'S
THIS IS...
WHAT THE HELL
AM I THINKING...?

THE RESULT OF MY RESEARCH?
I WENT INTO THE WORLD FOR THE FIRST TIME
SAW HUMAN BEINGS...

MOTHER!!
WHAT DID I STEAL FROM SOMEONE TO DESERVE THIS?!
A SHADOW OF A PERSON...!!
THE BLOOD STAINS ARE HEADING TO THE OCEAN
!!
MOTHER?!

GOOD EVENING
OH, KAROKU
I'M GLAD YOU SEEM TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH

WE RECEIVED A REPORT THAT NISU HAD DIED, SO I CAME TO KARASUNA FOR THE REMAINS
BUT THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT IN THE REPORTED DUMPING GROUNDS
I WONDERED TO MYSELF WHERE THAT SOUND WAS COMING FROM
THE DISTANT SOUND OF SOMEONE CRYING
KESHIKI!!

I CAME TO MEET THAT
I FOUND A LONELY CREATURE FLOATING UP IN THE SKIES ABOVE THIS FOREST
..A LONELY CREATURE ?
YOU POOR THING, YOU'RE TREMBLING
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

I'VE BEEN WATCHING NISU AND BENNY SINCE THEY WERE VERY YOUNG, SO I CAN TELL
THAT FLOATING CREATURE WAS BENNY, WASN'T IT?
THE WORLD WAS CRUEL, WASN'T IT?
MOTHER
MOTHER
KAFKA'S FOUNDER, KESHIKI, HE FOUND ME..
KAROKU
COME BACK
IT'S OVER.

KESHIKI
WHAT HAPPENED TO MOTHER?
SHE QUIETLY FELL INTO THE OCEAN AND SANK
I'VE ORDERED FOR HER BODY TO BE RECOVERED, THOUGH
I CAN'T RUN

THE ONLY THING I CAN DO NOW IS...
.....
SHE PROBABLY DIED LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU THINK?
KESHIKI
HM?
I WANT TO RETURN TO KAFKA RIGHT NOW
QUICKLY-
THERE WAS ONLY LOSS
THERE WAS NOTHING FOR ME IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD

I WANT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE
FROM THE PLACE WHERE I LOST MOTHER AND FATHER...
QUICKLY...
YOU POOR THING
I UNDER-STAND

WELL THEN
LET'S GO HOME RIGHT AWAY
HOLD ON TIGHT, OKAY?
YOU ARE AFTER ALL, THE ADORABLE SON OF MY TREASURED FRIENDS
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO NOW IS...

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE ONLY ONE I HAVE LEFT
NAI IS WISE SO I'M SURE HE CAN LIVE ON HIS OWN
IS TO GET KAFKA AS FAR AWAY AS I CAN FROM NAI'S EXISTENCE, AND THE EXISTENCE OF THIS NIJI FOREST

SO THIS WILL BE OUR FAREWELL
GOODBYE...
NAI
...BUT, YOU KNOW
YES
KAROKU HID HIS PAST LIKE THAT, DID HE?
I SEE NOW

NAI WENT TO VISIT KAROKU BECAUSE HE WAS WORRIED FOR HIM
HE WENT TO KAROKU'S HOME TO SEE HIM
FOLLOWED THE TRAIL OF BLOOD STAINS TO THE SEA AND FOUND THE FALLEN BRACELET
FOLLOWING THAT LINE OF THOUGHT
KAROKU WAS ALREADY LONG GONE BY THEN
ALSO, THIS IS JUST A THEORY, BUT
NISU EXISTS WITHIN NAI
HE MAY HAVE BEEN GUIDING HIM
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TSUKUMO-SENPAI
EVERY-ONE?
GOOD AFTERNOON!
TSUBAME HERE!
TODAY IS A GIRL'S GATHERING
IVA-SAN...
SOMEHOW, SOME STRANGE PEOPLE SEEM TO BE HERE, BUT .
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?

THIS IS A SPECIAL PLACE, YEAH?
MORE-OVER, L.
ALRIGHT, EVERYONE PLEASE SIT
YES
OKAY, OKAY!! I'LL PLAY ALONG!!
I WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE TO ARRANGE THIS SO, THERE ARE THINGS I'D LIKE TO ASK EVERY-ONE, HMM?
TSUKUMO-SENPAI, DO YOU HAVE A THING FOR HIRATO-SAN?
EH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR MEN?
T/N (SHE MEANS THE MEN THEY ALL WORK WITH)
I'M GOING TO BE BLUNT NOW
...EH?

WELL, OF COURSE...
HIRATO IS THE ONE GUIDING ME ALONG THIS PATH AND HE IS THE REASON I WAS ABLE TO FACE FORWARD, SO
I TOTALLY
THAT'S...
LOOK UP TO HIM...
SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE POINT OF THIS QUESTION FROM A GIRL'S PERSPECTIVE AT ALL!!
IS THE BLUSH ON HER CHEEKS JUST HER NATURAL COMPLEXION, HUH??!
WELL, WHAT-EVER
IN TRUTH HE'S MUCH BETTER THAN THE LIKES OF YOGI-SAN OR GAREKI-SAN
THEY'RE AWFUL SUPERIORS
BUT OUR JIKI-SAN IS ALSO A MESS

THE ONLY RELIABLE ONE AMONG US IS KIICHI, YOU KNOW
BUT...
GAREKI IS... UM ...
HE'S STILL A BIT CHILDISH BUT, DEEP DOWN HE'S REALLY VERY KIND!
HE DID GET A LITTLE WORKED UP DURING OUR TRAINING SESSIONS...
AND HE HAS A BAD HABIT OF AVERTING HIS GAZE, BUT...
IN REALITY HE'S JUST LONELY SO PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND HIM!!
PLEASE BE GENTLE WITH OUR LITTLE BROTHER
HE'S LONELY, HUH...
UM... BIG BROTH-...
YOGI-SAN IS...!

HE'S TOO FLASHY, HE ALWAYS STANDS OUT!
AND IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM BUT, THAT LUCKY IDIOT IS PRETTY WONDERFULLY WELL-LIKED BY EVERYONE ISN'T HE?
I THINK THERE ARE TIMES WHEN HE FAILS, TOO SOMETIMES, BUT
HE'S STILL AS WARM AS THE SUN
LISTEN MIMIMIMI-SAN, IT'S NOT "SOMETIMES"
IT PISSES ME OFF!!
I... I'M SORRY...!
OH MY, LITTLE LADY, THERE'S NO NEED TO APOLOGISE~
BIG BROTHER...

I'M INTERESTED TO HEAR MORE ABOUT WHETHER YOU FEEL YOGI AND GAREKI ARE CUTE~
HOW ABOUT IT, ELESKA-CHAN?
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN TALKING ABOUT CIRCUS MEN AT ALL
I DON'T KNOW THEM
BUT KAROKU ON THE OTHER HAND IS SO HANDSOME AND COOL I COULD DIE
IT HURTS TO BREATHE WHEN I'M STANDING NEXT TO HIM, AND MY HEART POUNDS SO HARD I CAN HARDLY INHALE AT ALL
AH, I FEEL QUITE THE OFFOSITE ACTUALLY - I FIND HIM REFRESHING, IT'S EASY TO BREATHE AROUND HIM

HE EVEN DRAWS ANIMALS TO HIMSELF
I LIKE HIM TOO
HE REALLY IS
I LIKE NAI-KUN, TOO!
HE'S SO SWEET
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WHY DON'T WE PICK UP SEASHELLS TO BRING BACK AS GIFTS FOR NAI-KUN AND THE OTHERS?
AGREED!!
WE'LL FIND SHELLS THAT BRING GOOD FORTUNE!
IN HOPES THEY WILL BRING LUCK TO EVERY-ONE!

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SCORE 116: DEALING WITH A PROBLEM

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THE REALITY IS...
OH DEAR OH DEAR
IT'D BE QUITE TROUBLESOME IF NISU'S CONSCIENCE HAS BEEN LEFT BEHIND INSIDE NAI
WHEN WILL YOU BE RETURNING TO THE RESEARCH TOWER, AKARI?
I'LL BE RETURNING THERE TOMORROW WITH GAREKI
I'LL BE TAKING NAI AND KAROKU WITH ME AS WELL
I SEE
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR EFFORTS
THE DATA CONCERNING THE RESEARCH YOU AND GAREKI DID IN REBERUGANZE

THE CURRENT TEAM'S ANALYSIS BRANCHING FROM THAT IS MOVING FORWARD
IT'S CERTAINLY CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT THEY'VE CONCLUDED THUS FAR, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD REST THOROUGHLY TODAY AND CONFIRM IT YOURSELF TOMORROW
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
I'LL ASSESS IT ONCE I RETURN
AND I WILL DETERMINE TOGETHER WITH KAROKU WHETHER OR NOT NISU'S CONSCIENCE HAS BEEN LEFT BEHIND INSIDE NAI
YES
IN KAROKU'S MIND, NISU—

NISU WAS WITHOUT A DOUBT DEAD AT THAT TIME
AND AS FAR AS BENNY WAS CONCERNED, THE EXPERIMENT TO REVIVE NISU WAS A FAILURE
MOREOVER, THE THING THAT EXISTS WITHIN NAI IS DATA OF NISU'S PAST SELF, WITHIN A SORT OF CONSCIOUSNESS SYSTEM
THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE LATENT PERSON WITHIN NAI
COULD EVENTUALLY AFFECT HIS ACTIONS
OR BRING ABOUT A TRANSFORMATION WITHIN HIM

YES.
THAT TRANSFORMATION MAY OCCUR WITH A CERTAIN INTENT PERHAPS
IT WOULD BE BEST TO INVESTIGATE IT
I'M COUNTING ON YOU
AS FOR ME
I'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS RESTORING THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTEBOOK BENNY LEFT BEHIND
REGARDING THAT MATTER AS WELL-
YES
AND THE ABILITY TO WARP SPACE THAT NAI'S BRACELET HAS
I THINK I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT KAROKU'S MOTHER, "BENNY"
HAD ANY OTHER INTENTIONS BESIDES REVIVING NISU

LET'S CREATE A PLACE TO ANNOUNCE IT
YES
ウィン
GOOD WORK, AKARI-SENSEI
AH...
YOGI?
---AHHH
ドクン
ドクン
AFTER THIS YOU'LL BE RECEIVING DISCIPLINARY ACTION FROM TOKITATSU, YES?
YES...

I KNEW AKARI-SENSEI WOULDN'T OFFER ANY COMFORT OR ENCOURAGEMENT, I KNEW THAT!!
I KNEW THAT ALREADY!!
BAA
I'M PATHETIC...
I'LL TAKE PROPER RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY FAILURES!!
BUT IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I'M THIS ANXIOUS...
I WOULD REACH THE POINT WHERE I LOOK TO THE FEARSOME AKARI-SENSEI FOR COMFORT...
...TO THINK

WHEW... I'M REALLY TROUBLED, YOGI
TO THINK YOU BROKE OUT IN SUCH VIOLENCE IN REBERUGANZE
YE...
YES! OFFICER TOKITATSU...

WE, CIRCUS, ARE ESSENTIALLY AN ARMY, AFTER ALL
IF ANOTHER COUNTRY'S MILITARY WERE TO BECOME VIOLENT WITH US
WELL THAT WOULD BE ONE THING
NEEDLESS TO SAY
EASING THE FEARS AND ANXIETIES OF YOUR COMPANIONS IS NOT AN EASY TASK, YOU KNOW
MY
MY
MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES!!
WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT THIS...

TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM OF YOURS
THE MASTERS OF THE "Z ROUND TABLE"
WOULD INSIST ON QUITE A STRICT PUNISHMENT
I AM REFLECTING ON MY OWN FAILURES!!
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
I WILL ACCEPT ANY PUNISHMENT!!
IS THAT SO?

THEN, IN THAT CASE
I SHALL EXILE YOU FROM CIRCUS'S SECOND FLEET
UH...
...UGH
AND STRIP YOU OF YOUR CIRCUS QUALIFI-CATIONS
FROM HERE ON, WITHOUT EXCEPTION

I WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE ANY TALKING BACK
YOU HAVE COMMITTED A GRAVE VIOLATION IN CIRCUS
TOKI... TATSU-
WA
WAIT...
UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM OUR RANKS, YOU WILL BE ON HOUSE ARREST IN YOUR OWN ROOM
YOU WILL BE BANNED FROM HAVING ANY RELATION TO CIRCUS OR ITS MEMBERS

THE SHEEP ARE WAITING OUTSIDE FOR YOU
TO ESCORT YOU AWAY
Y...
...ES...
...
EH...
I'M NO LONGER NEEDED HERE
AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE MY FRIENDS ANYMORE ?

MY HEAD CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THIS
WHAT SHOULD I DO
WAIT
WE'RE RETURNING YOU TO YOUR ROOM BAAA
I...
WAIT... I DON'T WANT TO...
NO...
WE'RE LEAVING NOW BAA

TOKITATSU-SAN...
I'LL... DO ANTHING ELSE BUT THIS...!!
NN...
NOOO...
P... PLEASE...
I DON'T WANT TO BE CUT OFF FROM EVERYONE!!
クイ...
PLEASE...
SAVE ME, HIRATO-SAN!!!

A 90% CUT FROM ONE YEAR OF YOUR SALARY
THE REAL PUNISHMENT IS
YOU'VE BEEN PUNKED
UWAAAAAAAAAAA
YOGI...
WHY ARE YOU CRYING SO HARD
MMMMMMMMMM
WAAAAAAAAAAA
90%
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

YOGI, ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT KIND OF PUNISHMENT WAS IT?
IF IT'S ALRIGHT, WILL YOU TALK ABOUT IT WITH US?
MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU...
UHHG
ONE YEAR OF MY SALARY...
WILL BE CUT BY 90%
OFU...
YOGI...!!
TSUKUMO-CHAN...
NAI-CHA_N...
GAREKI-KUN...

GAREKI-KUN
ACTUAL HELL
THAT'S CRUEL...
90%?
カ-ネ...
IF THAT WERE ME I WOULDN'T BE MOTIVATED TO DO ANYTHING ANYMORE
THAT'S TRUE...
IT'S A DIFFICULT SITUATION
BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SOMETHING EVEN WORSE TO BE HONEST
...

BAA!
I'VE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM HIKATO
I WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU THE SCHEDULE FROM HERE ON
BEING STRIPPED OF HIS CIRCUS QUALIFICATIONS OR... MEMORY ERASURE OR... IMPRISONMENT... FOR EXAMPLE
SO A SALARY CUT IS SORT OF A RELIEF...
I'VE SEEN... TRUE HORROR
TO IMAGINE THE WORST CASE SCENARIOS...
THAT'S SO LIKE YOU TSUKUMO-CHAN...

TOMORROW, GAREKI AND NAI WILL GO TO THE RESEARCH TOWER WITH DOCTOR AKARI
NAI WILL HAVE AN INSPECTION ALONG WITH KAROKU
OKAY
GOT IT!
7 MEMBERS OF THE CIRCUS SECOND FLEET-

WILL BE
OPENING
FOR A
CIRCUS
SHOW
BAA

GROUP ONE WILL AT THE SAME TIME
CARRY OUT AN INVESTIGATION BAA
I SEE...
IT'S... KIND OF BEEN A WHILE, HUH!
YEAH! LET'S DO OUR BEST!
SINCE THE FIRST GROUP WILL BE CARRYING OUT THE INVESTIGATION WHILE WE'RE AWAY-

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YO! SORRY ABOUT THIS!
MAKING YOU GO ALL-OUT TO HELP ME LIKE THIS
WE DEPENDED ON YOUR HELP IN THE LAST MISSION, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
UWAAA, HIRATO YOU'RE TOO KIND~!
WELL, EVEN WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT
THE SECOND SHIP HAS BEEN BUSY WITH THE LIKES OF WRITING UP A REPORT ON REBERUGANZE AND CLEANING UP AFTER THE INCIDENT, RIGHT?

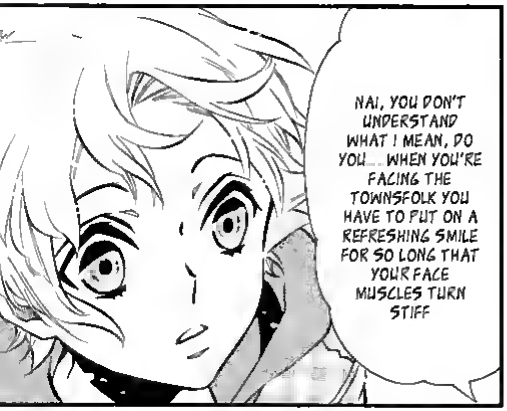
THIS TIME WE CAN'T OFFER ANY HELP ASIDE FROM THE SUPER-VISION OF OUR MAIN SQUAD
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT OR ANY-THING
GOOD FOR YOU
FINISHED! WITH GOOD EFFICIENCY!
AHH, WELL YES
BEFORE THE REPORT ON YOGI
AH-
MOREOVER WE HAVE REPORTS DUE AS WELL

"YES" IS SO STRICT...
WELL, IT'S AN INCIDENT OF MIS-GOVERNING, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED
EVEN AS THE YOUNGEST MEMBER, TOKITATSU DOESN'T HOLD BACK
PARTICULARLY STRICT
ARE THE HIGHER UPS AT THE RESEARCH FACILITY

PERSUADING VISANTE-SAMA
RYOSHI PUT ALL HIS EFFORT INTO IT
RYOSHI'S HELP IS CERTAINLY APPRECIATED WHEN DEALING WITH THE HIGHEST MEMBER OF THE RESEARCH FACILITY
TRULY
RYOSHI HAS BEEN HERE SINCE THE FOUNDING OF CIRCUS, SO HAVING HIM DO THE TALKING HAS A GREATER EFFECT THAN ANYONE ELSE
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GET DEMOTED, HIRATO
WELL, WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, "INFLUENCE" WILL BECOME THE DECIDING FACTOR HERE
THEY WON'T CARELESSLY PUT FAITH IN ANYONE ANY LONGER

YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE NOT TO OVERSTEP YOUR BOUNDS
SO AS TO BECOME AN OPPONENT OF THE GOVERNMENT
NOT THAT THERE'S ANY INTENTION TO DO SUCH A THING, THOUGH
HIRATO
AFTER THE SHOW IS FINISHED, WE'LL BE HAVING A MEETING REGARDING KAFKA
GOT IT
TSUKI-CHAN!
I'VE FINISHED ARRANGING THE ROUND-DANCING AREA FOR THE GUESTS!
COULD YOU TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT I SENT YOU AS WELL?
SURE, SURE

AH...
THE SHOW WILL BEGIN IN THE EVENING HUH~


NAI, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN, DO YOU... WHEN YOU'RE FACING THE TOWNSFOLK YOU HAVE TO PUT ON A REFRESHING SMILE FOR SO LONG THAT YOUR FACE MUSCLES TURN STIFF

I'M NOT REALLY IN THE MOOD TO PLASTER A SMILE ON MY FACE THOUGH... SIGH...
TO PLASTER A SMILE?

IT'S FUN!
YOU'LL BE FINE IF YOU SMILE FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART, JIKI-KUN!!
YOGI-KUN...

YOU GET TO HIDE YOUR FACE ANYWAY SO THAT'S NOT REALLY A CONCERN FOR YOU, IS IT?
MOREOVER, YOU ENJOY THE SHOW SO MUCH YOURSELF, SO IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE SUFFERING IN ANY WAY, YOU KNOW
BECAUSE, DOING THE SHOW-
I... FAILED DURING THE LAST MISSION SO...
LETS YOU MEET SO MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE!
I'LL WORK EXTRA HARD TODAY, AND DO MY BEST SO THAT LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE FUN!
VISITING FOOD STALLS IS FUN TOO!
I'LL DO MY BEST TOO!
NAI-CHAN!

NAI-CHAN
I'LL BRING LOTS AND LOTS OF CANDY BAGS
IF YOU RUN OUT OF CANDY
I'LL REFILL THEM FOR YOU RIGHT AWAY!!
I HAVE SUCH A RELIABLE ASSISTANT...!
I'M GLAD
THAT GAREKI AND KAROKU WILL BE AT THE SHOW TODAY, TOO!
...

EH?!
KAROKU-KUN IS BEING ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE CIRCUS SHOW, TOO?!
THAT'S RIGHT
UWA... WHAT THE HECK IS CIRCUS THINKING?!
WHAT ARE THEY INTENDING TO DO IF KAFKA SPOTS HIM...
HIRATO WILL BE RIGHT NEXT TO HIM, SO THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM
MOREOVER, THE ONE WHO SAID TO TAKE HIM WAS ME
!
A NEW-

WHAT A TOUCHINGLY KIND GESTURE...!!
FUN MEMORY... I WANTED HIM TO CREATE A NEW, FUN MEMORY
THE ONLY ONES WHO WOULD TRY TO INTERFERE WITH THAT ARE KAFKA
IT WOULD NOT BE STRANGE IF HE WERE ALREADY BEING TARGETED!
BUT EVEN STILL, IT CONCERNS ME!
TO RETRIEVE KAROKU'S KNOWLEDGE IS OUR MISSION
THE SAME IS TRUE FOR NAI, THOUGH...
IN WHICH CASE, IF WE KEEP LOCKING HIM UP HERE
WHAT WILL KAROKU'S LIFE BECOME?

WHEN YOU LOOK BACK YOU NOTICE THAT YOUR LIFE HAS PASSED IN AN INSTANT
LIFE IS NOT ALL RISKS AND DEMERITS
WHEN YOU FACE FORWARD YOU LEARN NEW THINGS
IF YOU MEET OBSTACLES, YOUR HEART WILL GROW
IF YOU UNDERSTAND HAPPINESS, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND TEARS

IT'LL BE FINE
HIRATO WILL DO A FINE JOB

NO MATTER WHAT POINT YOU ARE AT IN YOUR LIFE
YOU MUST "LIVE"
RYOSHI...

U...UMMM...
WILL IT BE LIKE THIS THE WHOLE TIME...?
YES

IT'S A GOOD COSTUME TO FIT INTO THE PARADE WITH
NO ONE WILL KNOW WHO YOU ARE
I SEE! FOR SOME REASON IT'S GOT ME A BIT EXCITED!
WHAT IS THAT...?
THAT VOICE... KAROKU?
GAREKI-KUN
THE OVERALL THEME IS...
THE KING'S FAIRY HELPERS
RIGHT...
BUT...
BEING HANDCUFFED TO HIRATO IS AN ABSOLUTE NO
GAREKI
YOU'RE UNDER MY SURVEILLANCE TOO, YOU KNOW
HA?!

WHAT THE HELL ?
YOU'RE STILL AN APPRENTICE OF THE COMBATANT MEDIC TEAM
SO YOU'RE SOMEONE FROM THE RESEARCH FACILITY THAT I MUST PROTECT
JUST ASSIGN A SHEEP TO ME!
THAT SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH!
THAT WON'T DO
GAREKI-
WELCOME, COME HERE AND I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR COSTUME
I...
IVA ?
PARDON ME, PRINCESS
THE CIRCUS SHOW WILL BEGIN VERY SOON!
AH, IT'S FOUR O'CLOCK

TONIGHT WE ARE
WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPANY ME IN THE NYANFERONA PARADE TO THE BALLROOM?
GIVING AWAY BALLOONS
IT WILL BE EVER SO MUCH FUN
WAAA...

YES
THE TELEPHONE CONNECTION IS PERFEEEECT
HELLOOO, IT'S KIICHI
IF THERE'S AN ORDER FROM TSUKU-CHAN AT ANY POINT LET ME KNOW
ALL MEMBERS GATHER ROUND!
RIGHT! BEGIN THE COUNT!
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ZERO SUM 12月号 10月28日発売に続く